

**IMAGE DATA COMMUNICATIONS DEVICE  
AND METHOD**

**CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION**

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[0001] The present application is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/461,402 filed on December 15, 1999, <sup>now U.S. Patent 6,710,894</sup> The present invention relates to the subject matter disclosed in Japanese Patent Application No. 11-056493, filed on March 4, 1999, the disclosures of both of which are expressly incorporated herein by reference in their entirety.

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

1. **Field of the Invention**

[0002] The present invention relates to an image data communication apparatus such as a network facsimile apparatus, and a method of communicating the image data.

2. **Background Information**

[0003] When a user sends data through a facsimile machine, the data generally contains a transmitter's identification. The transmitter's identification is usually registered at the facsimile machine, and is overwritten on image data or printed on the upper end of the image data received by a recipient. The transmitter's identification is generally input to the facsimile machine through its operation panel. Identification data created by a personal computer (PC) can be also sent into a facsimile machine via the PSTN (Public Switched Telephone Network). On the other hand, registration through E-mail (electronic mail) can be practiced in a network facsimile that communicates through a network such as the Internet.